

## **Eastern NC Disaster Recovery & Resiliency Alliance**



Governor Roy Cooper, Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger & Speaker Tim Moore:

On behalf of the citizens of eastern North Carolina, we appreciate the opportunity to share with you our disaster recovery and resiliency priorities that we have mutually agreed to. These priorities were developed through several meetings of the Eastern NC Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Alliance, which is an informal alliance of local government and private sector leaders throughout southeastern North Carolina. These five priorities represent areas of concern for our region of the state as we seek to recover in a way that allows us to be better prepared and more resilient.

- 1) Expedite resources to critical transportation infrastructure impacted by natural disasters that impacts public safety, evacuation opportunities and relief resource mobilization in a manner that ensures resiliency and reliability.**
- 2) Seek opportunities to address the increasing need for pre disaster mitigation related public infrastructure investments that reduce overall risk to population and critical structures.**
- 3) Increase state resources for stream, tributary and river management in a way that reduces occurrences and severity of flooding.**
- 4) Allocate significant portion of remaining state recovery funds and/or future appropriations to new construction of affordable housing and continue to improve rating/scoring preference on tax credit projects in disaster declared counties.**
- 5) Consider directing state officials to engage Federal partners in a working group to improve recovery related processes and seek to reduce bureaucratic red tape that expedites recovery processes.**

As local leaders we appreciate the collaborative and bipartisan way in which our state leaders have responded to Hurricane Florence and we look forward to working with you on future policy and resources.

**Your friends,**

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